

**MINUTES OF THE FREMONT RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING
County Courthouse, Loa , Utah
January 22, 2003**

Minutes of the Fremont River Distribution System held at Loa, Utah, January 22, 2003. The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. with Lee Sim conducting.

Lee brought the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous year's meeting were read by Terry Monroe of the Richfield Water Rights Office. No corrections were necessary. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Forrest Sims, seconded by Richard Jensen, all approved.

Lee Sim then read the financial report. The balance of the Distribution Trust Fund at the beginning of the year was \$6,043.91, receipts at \$3,083.92, expenditures at \$1,417.84, with a balance of \$7,709.99 at the end of the year. However, the commissioner has not submitted his travel expense for the year, his bill for contractual services and the annual report expense. Taking these items into account, the reserve balance will probably be about \$5,500.00. There were no delinquent accounts for 2002. A motion was made by Kay Hickman to accept the financial report, seconded by Alvin Robison. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jan Ellet was not in attendance due to problems with his sheep herd that he had to take care of. He provided a written report that was read to the group by Lee Sim. The water supply for 2002 was in short supply. At the start of the year the flows were about normal but as the season progressed only the A water was delivered. An inspection of the diversions and measuring devices was preformed in July with Gertrudys Adkins of the State Engineer's office to check the accuracy of the measuring devices and document where improvements need to occur. In order to deliver the water in a fair and accurate manner, it is important that the measuring devices be operating correctly. The commissioner proposed that for the coming year from April 15 to June 15, he check the system once a week and from June 15 to the end of the irrigation season, he check the system twice per week. The water users proposed that from April 1 until the high water is gone that he check the system once every two weeks and after the high water is gone that the system be checked twice a week until the fall season when weekly checks should be sufficient. Several water users expressed concern that they have had difficulty in making contact with the commissioner and their phone calls have not been returned. Problems with people tampering with head gates, especially on Pleasant Creek were discussed. Concerns with Wildlife Resources' proposed channel change work in the Bicknel Bottoms area were expressed. A motion to accept the commissioner's report was made by John Jackson, seconded by Phil Pace. The motion passed.

The water users then discussed the budget for the coming year. Lee Sim informed them that the State Engineer's assessment would increase to \$188.00. A motion was made by Keith Durfee to set the budget at the same levels as last year except for the increase in the State Engineer's assessment which would set the budget at \$4,842.00 and the assessment at \$3,000.00. A second was made by Forrest Sims, all approved.

Lee then invited nominations for committee members for the upcoming year. Kay Hickman made the motion to suspend the rules and put the existing committee back in by acclamation, seconded by Richard Jensen, all approved.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Those attending the meeting:

Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Terry Monroe	Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights
Forrest Sims	Water User
John Jackson	Caineville Canal Co.
Kay Hickman	Water User
Ed White	Water User
Richard Jensen	Water User
Phillip Pace	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Stan Alvey	Hanksville Irrigation Co.
Alvin Robison	Hanksville Irrigation Co.
Chad Roderick	Water User
Roma Roderick	Water User
Keith Durfey	Water User
Cathy Bagley	Torrey Irrigation Co.